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## RUSSIANS STAMPEDE ACROSS THE YALU

Beat Hasty Retreat On Approach Of The Japanese, and Hundreds Reported Drowned Crossing Stream.

### SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

New Chwang, April 22.—A messenger from the Yalu river reports that the Japanese outposts are near the Russian entrenchments, with large bodies of troops five miles distant. He also states that the Russians are fleeing north across the river in overcrowded boats, losing hundreds by drowning. The messenger himself met only a few Japanese, but they were reported to have shown themselves in force on various occasions, afterwards quickly disappearing. The news was first received by credit to the Russian forces left for Mukden yesterday. They bind news not to divulge news respecting

### Bombarding New Chwang

Special Cable to the London Times and Victoria Colonist.

St. Petersburg, April 22.—Reports have been received that the Japanese have begun a bombardment of New Chwang. It is believed that the Japanese landed troops on one side of New Chwang and that these will try to effect a junction with the forces which is supposed to have landed at the mouth of the Yalu three days ago.

the results of engagements with the enemy, losses suffered by the Russians or any information which may awaken public uneasiness. The Russians have issued placards in Chinese explaining away the Japanese victories, detailing Russian successes magnifying the Russian strength and prophesying victory for Russia. The Chinese are not asked for Russia. But still believe that the Japanese will come in Manchuria. The Russians are demanding the country west of the Yalu river, and have sent foraging parties consisting of fifty Cossacks each,

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Moscow, April 22.—The repeated disasters to the Russian fleet in the Far East are plainly producing the most depressing effect in Russian commercial circles, and the bulk of the trading community would be glad to be out of the struggle tomorrow at any reasonable terms. The business men point out that even if beaten in Manchuria Japan has Korea to fall back upon, from which it would be no easy matter to dislodge her.

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## In Succession To Dr. Machray

Synod Ballots For Names to Present to the House of Bishops.

After Protracted Sessions Two Names Are Finally Chosen.

Winnipeg, April 21.—The Anglican Synod, now in session, is having an interesting time in balloting for two names to be presented to the House of Bishops in October from which that body will elect a successor to Archbishop MacPhayre. Bishop Matheson was selected on the first ballot as the first choice with great enthusiasm. For second choice the synod was engaged all yesterday afternoon and evening until after midnight, nine ballots being taken without a choice when adjournment was moved until 10 o'clock this morning. The choice seems to be between Bishop Grisdale of Calgary and Archdeacon Fortin of Holy Trinity church, the last ballot being as follows: Clergy—Archdeacon Fortin, 38; Bishop Grisdale, 33; Rural Dean Macmoran, 1; Lay Delegates—Archdeacon Fortin, 51; Bishop Grisdale, 41; Rev. S. Macmoran, 1.

At the session today it was finally decided that the names of Rev. Dr. Edward Eden of Winnipeg, Eng., and Bishop Matheson, of this city, will go before the House of Bishops of Rupert's Land when they meet to elect a successor to the late Archbishop MacPhayre. The selection of Bishop Matheson's name was unanimous before the synod today, but it took fourteen ballots to decide second choice. Ten ballots were taken with Bishop Grisdale and Archdeacon Fortin almost equal. Then both names were dropped as the deadlock could not be broken and ballots were taken on Bishop Eden and Canon Cody, of Toronto. The fourteenth ballot resulted in the almost unanimous selection of Bishop Eden.

The bishop of Athabasca river, who is also at present acting bishop of Athabasca, left for the west on Tuesday evening. After spending a few days at Indian Head and other points he will proceed to Athabasca Landing, where Mrs. and Miss Reeve will reside while he goes north to the Arctic circle by canoe, returning about the end of September by the Hudson Bay Company's steamer. The bishop hopes to visit Fort Chipewyan, Simpson, Norman, Macpherson and Ray river missions and if time and circumstances permit, he will return by the Peace river, visiting Fort Vermilion, Smoke river and Lesser Slave Lake missions, reaching Athabasca Landing in time to be present at the meeting of the house of bishops on October 6th.

Right Rev. Bishop Bompas, bishop of Selkirk, left last evening for his distant diocese by way of Vancouver and Skagway. His residence is at Cariboo Crossing, on the White Pass and Yukon railway. His Lordship has been acting in his capacity in carrying out of various matters of business involved in the death of archbishop of Rupert's Land. He presided at the meeting of the house of bishops the other day and he will have various important functions to perform pending the election of a new archbishop. Mrs. Bompas remains in the city for a few days when she will go East to Toronto, Montreal and other points, returning in the summer to rejoin the bishop at Cariboo Crossing. The alumni of St. John's college will erect a memorial chapel to the late Archbishop MacPhayre. A scholarship for the late Dean O'Mara's memory will also be created.

## NEW RAILROAD IN THE YUKON

New York Capitalist Start Representative to the Far North.

Montreal, April 21.—John McNamara, a New York capitalist, left here this morning bound for Vancouver en route to the Yukon as the representative of an American syndicate which proposes to invest fifteen millions in building another railway line in the Yukon with steamship connection with Pacific coast ports. The location of the road is not yet known, in fact Mr. McNamara's mission is largely connected with the deciding of this particular scheme.

### WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Winnipeg, April 21.—Unas Hancock, a wealthy rancher living near Erinview, north of Stonewall, Man., for the past twenty years, killed himself at 6 o'clock this morning at the residence of his brother-in-law, John Berry, in Stonewall. He was sleeping with Mr. Berry's son, and while lying in bed reached for a revolver and shot himself in the head. He had been in ill-health for some time and intended leaving in a few days for British Columbia to visit relatives. He leaves a widow and one son.

The water in Red and Assinabina rivers is falling, and the Red is clear south of a point above Morris. No fears of a flood in the Red river valley are now believed.

Major Gardner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles died last night after seven months' illness of complications arising from typhoid fever. He was born in Cape Town and served through the Northwest rebellion.

Magnus Begg, Indian agent at Crooked Lake reserve, near Broadview, N. W. T., is dead.

### COLD IN THE HEAD.

Don't neglect it. It leads to Cataract. Japanese Cataract Cure cures in a night. Mr. Alex. Metcalfe, tailor, New Westminster, B. C., writes: "I was for some weeks suffering from a cold in the head, which was apparently developing into Cataract. In two days Japanese Cataract Cure cured me completely. The first application relieved me." All druggists, 5¢. Take nothing else.

### RAILROAD CASUALTIES.

Washington, April 21.—The interstate commerce commission today issued a report showing that in the United States during October, November and December last, the total number of railroad casualties aggregated 14,485, a decrease of 102 as compared with the preceding quarter. There were killed 175 passengers and 901 employees, and 1,937 passengers and 11,882 employees were injured. The damage by these accidents to cars, engines and roadways amounted to \$8,527,000, a decrease of \$57,348.

### VATICAN EXHIBITS.

Valuable collection to be sent to the St. Louis World's Fair.

Rome, April 21.—The Vatican exhibits for the St. Louis exposition chosen by Father Ehrle, Vatican librarian, contains 24 large mosaics manufactured by the studio del mosaico in St. Peter's, which may not be sold; a collection of photographs showing views of the Vatican; some of the precious volumes from the Codex Library, including those concerning America in the thirteenth century, and Greenland in the fifteenth century, and relating to the division between Spain and Portugal by Alexander VI.; a model of the tomb of Pope Leo, taken according to the original plan; books dating from the twelfth to the fifteenth centuries, and containing the most important documents written by each pope, and several editions of the late Pope Leo.

### THE SULLY FAILURE.

New York, April 21.—George Holt in the United States District court today overruled the demurser interposed by Daniel J. Sully & Company against the involuntary petition in bankruptcy filed against his firm by Stephen E. Weld & Co., Pampian, Gwathmey & Co., and other creditors and gave the defendants leave to answer the amended petition within ten days, or of the payment of costs.

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## Doomed Bandits Await Their Fate

Three Carban Outlaws Will Be Executed in Chicago Today.

Governor Yates Refuses Vandine's Mother's Prayer For Clemency.

Chicago, April 21.—For a crime without parallel in Chicago's history, the penalty of the law will be exacted on the three "car bandits," Vandine, Marx and Neidermeir, on the scaffold tomorrow. The exact hour of the execution has not been fixed nor has it been decided whether it will be executed first.

Neidermeir is still in the dock from injuries inflicted in his attempt to suicide Monday morning, but Dr. McNamea, the jail physician, declared tonight that Neidermeir would be sufficiently strong to walk to the scaffold. With all hope of clemency gone, the three murderers tonight seemed resigned to their fate and retired early.

Marx, Vandine and Neidermeir exchanged farewells with their relatives today while the erection of the gallows was progressing within hearing. Vandine and Marx spent much of their time in devotional exercises, while Neidermeir lay on a cot in the jail hospital and swelled at the guards watching him. He refused to accept religious advice and said that if he were unable to cheat the gallows he would go to his death an atheist. A court habeas corpus action in Neidermeir's case was begun today. The petition is ostensibly on behalf of two men who were convicted of murdering a saloon keeper. Neidermeir recently confessed to the murder. The petition was declared.

Springfield, April 21.—Governor Yates today refused clemency to Harry Vandine, the street car bandit, who is under sentence to be hanged in Illinois tomorrow with the other bandits, Neidermeir and Marx. Mrs. Vandine, mother of the condemned man, left for Pittsfield, where the Governor is on a campaign tour, to make a personal plea to him.

### JOY IN HUNGARY.

Wise Act of Emperor Francis Joseph Causes Unbounded Satisfaction.

Vienna, April 21. Emperor Francis Joseph, in his capacity as King of Hungary, has spontaneously issued a rescript instructing the Hungarian prime minister, Count Stephen Tisza, to have the remains of Francis Bakocozy, who was known as Francis II, Prince of Transylvania, brought from Constantinople, Hungary, in a manner worthy of so illustrious a figure in Hungarian history. Two centuries ago Francis Bakocozy raised the standard of revolt against the House of Hapsburg, and up to the present the cult of his memory has been regarded as distasteful to the imperial throne. For this reason the rescript issued by the Emperor has been received with a burst of enthusiasm throughout Hungary. Francis Kosssuth, son of Louis Kosssuth, the Hungarian patriot, has written a letter thanking the King for his "wise and noble resolve," which shows that he is "capable of getting at the heart of the nation and of seeing where the pain lies."

## BLUEFIELDS MAY BE BOMBARDED

British Cruiser Will Demand the Release of Prisoners Under Penalty.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 21.—The British cruiser Retribution which under instructions from the imperial government sailed from Kingston April 11th for a Nicaraguan port in connection with the seizure of six Cayman turtle schooners and the arrest of their crews by Nicaraguan officials returned to Port Royal from the Nicaraguan coast today after ascertaining that the vessels and crews had been sent to Bluefields. The captain of the Retribution accused the Nicaraguan commandant under whose orders the schooners were seized of piracy. There is consternation among the Nicaraguan officials over the affair. It was necessary for the Retribution to return to Port Royal for coal, but the cruiser will sail for Bluefields Saturday next to demand the release of the prisoners and the boats and immediate compensation for their illegal seizure and detention. It is rumored that should it be found necessary the Retribution will bombard the port of Bluefields.

### AMERICAN APPROPRIATIONS.

Washington, April 21.—The pension appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of over \$137,000,000, and the emergency river and harbor appropriation bill, which carries \$3,000,000, were passed today by the Senate, leaving only the general deficiency and the military academy bills of the entire list of supply measures still to be considered by the Senate.

## MARTIAL LAW FOR COLORADO STRIKERS

Armed Soldiers Guard Court House—Miner's Official Bonyetted.

Toronto, April 21.—There was an important meeting of the leading underwriters here today when the fire was discussed. The most important question discussed was that of increasing rates. On the report of the committee the association decided to increase insurance rates all round on mercantile risks in Toronto. In the congested districts 75 per cent, in the outside districts 40 per cent. They will consider tomorrow the question of a general advance throughout Canada.

The meeting discussed the question of appointing adjusters who will probably be selected from insurance men in Toronto and Montreal. One gentleman present remarked: "You will find the total insurance loss in the recent fire will be nearer \$10,000,000 than \$8,000,000 and it will take the companies fully twenty years to overtake these losses."

An excellent authority on insurance pointed out that in Toronto for a certain class of wholesale property the rate was 83 cents per \$100 per annum, while in Montreal for the same risk the rate was \$1.25.

"What is the total insurance in what is known as the congested district?" he was asked.

"I would think the fire area is about one-third of the district. Therefore the total insurance carried would be about \$25,000,000."

The meeting discussed the question of premium about \$250,000.

### RUSSIAN ADVANCE.

Paris, April 22.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Parisien says he has learned that General Kuroptkin has ordered the advance of the Russian forces which are massed in Southern Korea, and that a brigade of infantry with 5,000 Cossacks is within one hundred versts of the banks of the Yenisei river.

## NORTHERN KINGDOMS REACH AGREEMENT

Neutrality Declaration to Be Mede By Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

### SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

Berlin, April 22.—According to a telegram from Stockholm in the newspaper Aftensbladet announces that the negotiations leading to the signing of a declaration of neutrality by Norway, Sweden and Denmark have reached a satisfactory conclusion and the terms of the agreement will be published towards the end of the month.

### ARRANGING COMMANDS.

Paris, April 22.—The Echo de Paris this morning publishes the following from its St. Petersburg correspondent: "Vice-Admiral Skrydloff will not leave for the East before Wednesday next, remaining here to assist the council of admirals summoned by High Admiral Grand Duke Alexis, which will be an assembly of the Empress. I am informed by an admiral that Vice-Admiral Choukouin will probably be appointed to the command of the Baltic fleet and that Rear-Admiral Bojevic and Vice-Admiral Skrydloff in command of the Black sea fleet, and that Vice-Admiral Bezobrazoff will go to Port Arthur, where he will assume a command under Vice-Admiral Skrydloff.

### ALEXIEV DID NOT OBJECT.

Paris, April 22.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says that notwithstanding the entry of the Baltic fleet and that Rear-Admiral Bojevic and Vice-Admiral Skrydloff, the vice-roy did not object to the appointment of the latter to the command of the naval forces in the Far East, recognizing that it was unavoidable.

## Report Received From Baron Toll

Lost Arctic Explorer's Last Documents Found By the Relief.

No Word of the Missing Expedition Since It Started Over the Ice.

St. Petersburg, April 21.—The last document left by Baron Toll, the Arctic explorer, from whom nothing has been heard directly since he left the yacht Zaria in 1902, and started for Bennett island, and who is believed to have perished in the Arctic ocean, has been found by Lieutenant Bolennik. It is dated at Paul Keppein, Bennett island, November 11, 1902, and is as follows:

"Accompanied by Astronomer Seberg and two traders, I left the winter quarters of the Zaria in Niprak bay on June 7th. The ice was rather bad on July 25th and we prepared to take to native boats.

"Here we killed the last of our dogs.

"The ice floe on which we camped carried us in four and a half days 48 miles on our course, but bearing off we left it on July 31st, crossing the remaining 25 miles to Bennett Island on the boulders, landing on August 3rd at Cape Emma.

"The document includes the result of Astronomer Seberg's survey of Bennett island, by which it is shown to be an offshoot of the Central Asian plateau. It is composed of the oldest Cambrian strata, broken by outflows of basalt which cover brown coal measures.

"The remains of coniferous vegetation and the bones of mammoths and other animals, bared by the action of the tide to white bear and walrus the tide to white bear and walrus the

"The transcontinental railway resolutions passed the second reading in the Commons today, and the bill founded thereon was introduced.

## The Railway Bill Is introduced

Grand Trunk Scheme Passes Second Reading and Act Brought Down.

Exchange of Compliments at Session of Agricultural Committee.

### From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 21.—Lady Minto is progressing so well towards recovery that she may be able to leave for England by June 1st to present her daughter at court.

The biggest row in the agricultural committee in recent years took place today. Kidd and Oliver exchanged compliments, the latter calling Kidd a bar. Oldham Douglas found it impossible to keep order.

The B. C. Southern bill passed the Senate railway committee today.

Ottawa has decided to inaugurate a civic street lighting system, the cost to be \$38 per lamp per annum.

The transcontinental railway resolutions passed the second reading in the Commons today, and the bill founded thereon was introduced.

### MR. HARRIMAN TALKS.

Los Angeles, April 21.—E. H. Harriman today referred to the distribution of the Northern Securities Company's stock. "As regards my personal position with James J. Hill," said Mr. Harriman, "they have always been of the most pleasant character, are so at the present time and I hope will always be." When shown the New York despatches today relating to the vote of the shareholders on the distribution of the Northern Securities Company's assets, Mr. Harriman said: "We shall contest the result in the courts to the end. The injunction obtained yesterday, as well as other cases that are incidental, will be fought out in the courts."

### RAILROAD COMPLICATIONS.

Vancouver, April 21.—(Special)—In the Supreme court chambers today the Columbia & Western railway asked for the appointment of an arbitrator to act in the proceedings to expropriate certain lands of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway. The contention is that the C. N. & W. had built a certain proportion of the line near Greenwood under dispute. In 1899 the land was bought from Mr. Robert Woods. The contention is that Mr. Robert Woods sold the same land again to Mr. V. & B. when they came along. The judge dismissed the application without prejudice to any subsequent application.

### BRITISH CLOTHING.

Great Britain May Enter a Protest

Treatment of the Wireless Telegrapher Disapproved By Lord Lansdowne.

### SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

London, April 22.—The British government is giving careful consideration to the edict of Russia in reference to the use of wireless telegraphy by war correspondents in the Far East. Whether it has made any representations to Russia in the nature of a protest against her line of action it is impossible to state at this moment, but if such representations have not yet been made it is quite likely that they will be made. At any rate, Lord Lansdowne is fully impressed with the view that the attitude Russia has assumed as to wireless telegraphy is unjustifiable and altogether absurd. Your correspondent is the only one indirectly affected by the Russian note. Lord Lansdowne understands fully the methods and status of this correspondence, unqualifiedly repudiated the Russian contention—he is in the same category as a spy and condemns the purposes Russian entertains with respect to the correspondent, his chartered vessel and his wireless telegraph apparatus.

Washington, April 21.—Secretary Hay and Count Cassini today discussed the wireless telegraph question, and it is believed here that when the war is over Russia and the United States may take the lead in calling a world's congress to define the status of wireless telegraphy and its relations to the law of nations.

### GRANITE and MARBLE WORKS.

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## Alexieff Reports On the Tragedy

Viceroy After Investigation Admits That Mines Wrecked Two Battleships.

Strange Blunder Said to Have Been Made By Russian Torpedo Flotilla.

St. Petersburg, April 22.—All doubt as to the cause of the destruction of the battleship Petropavlovsk, and the damage to the battleship Pobeda at Port Arthur, is dispelled by the report submitted by telegraph to the Emperor April 21st.

In it Viceroy Alexieff stated, in a way that leaves the matter no longer an open question, that mines were responsible for the disaster. The admission of the presence of Japanese ships off Port Arthur on the night preceding the going out of the Russian ships tends to establish Vice-Admiral Togo's claim that his ships laid the mines on which the Russian battleships struck.

### ALEXIEFF'S REPORT.

The viceroy's report was sent only after a thorough investigation had been made. It was published this morning through the war committee. It explicitly states that the starboard side of the Petropavlovsk there was an explosion. It declares that a mine exploded under the Pobeda. That the Russian ships did not run onto their own mines is shown by the failure of the viceroy to mention anything of the kind, and by the positive statement of the port admiral that Admiral Makaroff was familiar with the location of the torpedoes defending the port. The Russian officials also fail to understand the surprising blunder caused by the mistakes of the Russian torpedo boat destroyers in taking the Japanese torpedo boats for a Russian flotilla which resulted in the loss of the Strash.

**SISTER HEARTBROKEN.**  
Vice-Admiral Makaroff's sister, a widow, who has long been a resident of Kishineff, was dependent on an allowance by the admiral for her support. She is heartbroken, refusing to believe that her brother is dead, and declares that she wishes to her saying that he is alive and imprisoned in his state-room on the Petropavlovsk. It is announced that Vice-Admiral Stark, formerly in command of the Port Arthur fleet, has been appointed to the command of the eighteenth depot fleet, and that Rear-Admiral Wittstock has been appointed chief of staff to Viceroy Alexieff.

### BRITISH SYMPATHY.

While accepting gratefully the world-wide expressions of sympathy which Russia has received as a result of the death of Vice-Admiral Makaroff, and the Petropavlovsk disaster, the papers seem especially impressed with the sympathetic shown by the British press, several using the term to designate the opportunities of the discussion in favor of a Russo-British understanding. Such rapprochement the Novosti believes, could now be founded, not only upon sympathy, but upon popular sympathy. At such moment, the paper adds, nothing can again, and should be taken advantage of. Continuing, the Novosti says: "Such rapprochement with Great Britain will be a guarantee of our future development."

### CHINESE WISDOM.

The Birschevra Vietnamese publishes this morning a letter from its correspondent at Pekin, in which it says that the confidence of the Chinese government in the success of the Japanese arms is shown in the request of Mr. Yang Shin, the Chinese minister at Tokyo, that the Japanese government direct the commanders of the troops to preserve the imperial palaces and tombs at Mukden from desecration and destruction. The writer says that the Chinese government is in sympathy with Japan, but that it has begun to express this sympathy more cautiously. He adds that the Chinese in the United States have sent to the Pekin government large sums to be used in reorganizing the army and navy and that, ostensibly because of a desire to become acquainted with the old Mongolian weapons the Japanese are supplying Mongolian hunters with modern rifles.

### REPAIRING BATTLESHIPS.

The correspondent of the Novosti, in a letter from Port Arthur, dated March 27th, says that the cruiser Pallada "will soon be entirely ready and work is progressing on the battleships Retzian and Czarevitch which, however, are not yet ready to go to sea." The writer says that on March 27th, the Retzian fired six shells at a Japanese torpedo boat, all of which took effect, resulting in the sinking of the boat.

### DISGUISED JAPANESE

Mail advices from Alexandroff Island of Sakalien, says it is believed that many of the men have been arrested in the Karskoff district with arms in their possession. The families of officials and residents of Korakoff and Alexandroff it is added, are secreting their valuables and fleeing into the interior. Finally the mail advices say that the Japanese, having captured the Vladivostok mail steamer, the island will be cut off from communication with the mainland as soon as the ice disappears at the end of April.

### A BREEZY WEDDING.

A private letter from Port Arthur describes a wedding which occurred during the bombardment of March 22nd. The wedding guests were nearly stampeded, the carriage horses tried to bolt and shells were bursting as the procession drove to the church. But after the ceremony 100 guests danced while shells were flying and bursting overhead.

### CLEVER JAPANESE OUTWIT RUSSIANS

Have Grown Pigtailed and Have Free Access to the Enemy's Lines.

Mukden, April 21.—The operations of the Russians in Manchuria are greatly hampered by the immense number of spies. The commander of the Ninth East Siberian rifle brigade says the Japanese have taken advantage of the convenient location of New Chwang, which is full of spies.

"In the guise of merchants, beggars, rapiers, and lackeys," says the general, "these spies sift everywhere. They have grown pigtailed so that they have been preparing for their work for a long time and that they are unwilling to trust entirely to the information supplied by the Chinese. They are hard to get rid of. These insects, as soon as they obtain information across the river into Chinese territory, where they use the telegraph, some of them have been caught, but the majority wander among the troops and nothing can be done to prevent it."

A Chinese spy who was caught several days ago was sent to Liao Yang, where he was shot. The Chinese manifested deep sympathy, following him along the streets after he had been captured.

## Local News.

Spring Salmon Running.—Passengers just down from the North report that spring salmon were running well in the Nass river. A good pack of spring salmon is being secured by the Pacific Northern cannery. The springs were not running so well on the Skeena, but the catches there were expected to be heavier this week.

An Old Sign.—The attention of a Colonist reporter was called by Constant Deasy, of the Indian department, yesterday afternoon to an old sign at the water front at the foot of Johnson street. The sign is said to be "Eliza Anderson." It appears that fifteen years ago the Eliza Anderson was Victoria's "Princess Victoria," and the sign was placed where it is at present for the information of her passengers.

City Council.—The city council sitting at a streets, sewers and bridges committee, met yesterday evening and further considered the estimates prepared to their being finally dealt with on Monday evening. Economy is the watchword, the increased expenditure in the police department for salaries and patrol wagon, being one of the reasons why retrenchment is necessary. It will be recalled also in this connection that at last Monday evening's meeting of the council the appropriation for Victoria Day celebration was cut down from \$1,000 to \$750.

Fine Photo Display.—That Victoria stands in its population a perfect galaxy of feminine beauties, and amongst its photographers one thoroughly competent to hand down to posterity faithful counterpart presentations of these fair daughters is demonstrated very strikingly by an exhibit of photographs just placed on view by J. Savannah in the hallway on Fort street leading to his studio in the Five Sisters' block. Mr. Savannah is constantly striving to excell all his previous efforts at high-class photography and his latest successes demonstrate his skill and artistry; and the uninitiated are prone to believe that many of the pictures exhibited are perfect gems of the etcher's art, so cleverly has the similarity been executed. As is well known, the pose of the "sitter" is a very important part in successful portraiture; and as Mr. Savannah has made a special study of this point, his unquestioned success in this essential detail is not to be wondered at.

## NOTICES IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE

### Mining Officials Appointed For Omineca—More Companies Incorporated.

Notice of the following appointments as given in this week's issue of the Provincial Gazette:

James Dawson Guine, of Nicola Lake, to be a justice of the peace.

William Wesley Willard, of Cumberland, to be official administrator for that portion of the county of Nanaimo comprised within the Comox electoral district, vice Mr. H. P. Collis.

Samuel Parker Tuck, of Nelson, to be the principal administrator for that portion of the county of Kootenay embraced within the Nelson city and Unincorporated districts, vice Mr. J. P. Armstrong.

James Marshall, alderman, and James Punch, of Phoenix, to be members of the Boards of Licensing Commissioners and Commissioners of Police, vice Messrs. L. Y. Birnie and W. R. Williams, resigned.

John Bowron, of Barkerville, government agent, to be district registrar of the Supreme court for the Cariboo judicial district, vice Mr. James McKenzie.

Joseph Harwood, of the city of Nelson, to be a clerk in the office of the mining recorder at the said city, vice Mr. F. W. Laing, resigned.

William Plum, of Ducks, to be a justice of the peace.

To be noticed public—Clyle Harvey Duthie of Cranbrook; William Tindall Broderick of Enderby; William Bennet Head of Vancouver.

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Notice is given that an application will be made to the legislative assembly at its next session for an act authorizing and enabling the Royal Trust Company, a body corporate, having its principal place of business at Montreal, to exercise in the province of British Columbia the usual powers of a trust company.

The Union Hotel Company, Limited, has been incorporated as a limited company, with a capital of ten thousand dollars, divided into one thousand shares of ten dollars each.

The Crescent Oyster Company, Limited, has been incorporated as a limited company, with a capital of twenty thousand dollars, divided into two hundred shares of one hundred dollars each. The time of the existence of the company is fifty years.

The Steveston Land & Oil Company, Limited, has been incorporated as a limited company, with a capital of two hundred and forty thousand dollars, divided into two hundred and fifty thousand shares of one dollar each.

The Vancouver Portland Cement Company, Limited, has been incorporated as a limited company, with a capital of five hundred thousand dollars, divided into five thousand shares of one hundred dollars each.

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## BUSINESS CHANGE SALE

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### ROMANTIC CASE IN FULL COURT

### Decision of Trial Judge Reversed in Case of Rasor vs. McQuade.

The question of the value of a promise of marriage faithfully carried out as a legal consideration for a higher contract agreement was discussed today in a rather romantic case in the Full court, says the Vancouver Province.

The title of the appeal before their Lordships Justices Irving, Martin and Duff, was Rasor vs. McQuade, and the scene of action, as far as the trial was the property in dispute and the promise of marriage is concerned, is the city of Victoria. This was the case in which yesterday Mr. A. E. McPhillips found fault with his having been brought from the capital to defend on behalf of the respondent McQuade. This objection, however, was overruled, and the reversal of the appeal was allowed, reversing the decision of the trial judge, Mr. Justice Drake, who had given judgment for McQuade, the defendant in the original suit. The Court of Appeal was unanimous in reversing the decision, Mr. E. P. Davis, K. C., appeared for the appellant.

In brief, the decision of the Full Court is that an agreement to marry is a legal consideration in the making of a contract, just as same as the pre-verbal dollar which passes between parties who enter into any ordinary business agreement.

In this case Louis Henry Rasor was in 1901 a resident of the city of Victoria. There he met a widow lady, who was afterwards Mrs. Rasor, and who it appears was possessed of a good deal of valuable real estate in the capital city. Just what were the feelings of the two parties is not shown in the arguments before the court, but at any rate the lady was so favorably impressed with the plan of marrying Mr. Rasor, after something like a month's acquaintance, that she agreed to lend him all her money. Rasor looks back to this date upon this proposition. At the time of the marriage this agreement was put in writing and duly witnessed; and it is this agreement that stands so prominently before the court yesterday and today.

This agreement was made voluntarily—there is no question about that in the evidence—and its text was read in court. "The lady agreed," said Mr. Davis summarized it this morning, "that if you marry me I will leave you my property. The marriage took place, and the husband or his assignees want the property."

The agreement having been made the parties lived together for some time. Several months after the marriage the wife died. In the meantime she made a will leaving the bulk of her property to the Roman Catholic Church, some to a Mrs. Campbell, and a small sum to her husband, who is now dead. He assigned his claim to the property under the agreement above mentioned, to a Mr. Pemberton of Victoria for \$500, and that party again turned it over for the lawful consideration of \$1. Suit was entered, and a little later Rasor went to California to get his money. He stayed in California for more or less than a year, and then joined the majority. The suit has been continued against the trustees, Mr. McQuade, and the legatees under the will, the Bishop of Vancouver and Mrs. Campbell.

The trial judge found in favor of the defendants. Yesterday Mr. Davis argued that the marriage part of the agreement was a legal consideration and quoted many authorities in support of that contention. The Full Court agreed as above stated.

Then this morning the question of costs was gone into. Mr. Davis argued that the trustees, including the trustee, should not be allowed to take the costs of the trial and appeal out of the estate, that it was through no fault of Rasor's that they had contested the action, and that they should pay out of their own pockets. During this argument, Mr. Justice Duff remarked that the parties that a trustee was entitled to his first right like a dog to his first bite, that he was entitled to contest an action such as this but not to carry it to appeal in the event of the decision going against him.

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### TRANS-ATLANTIC YACHT RACE.

Bristol, R. I., April 21. The schooner racing yacht Ingomar, owned by Morton S. Plant, of New York, and with the famous yachtsman Charles Barron as captain, started in an attempt to make a record breaking trip across the Atlantic. The vessel will participate in the Kiel races in August, for which the German Emperor has offered a cup, and in other European cup races.

### AMICARLY SETTLED.

Clause in Treaty Applies to French Fishermen Only.

St. John's, No. 4, April 21.—The difficulty over the French shore treaty has been satisfactorily adjusted. France agrees that the clause terminating the fishery on October 20th each year applies only to her fishermen. Newfoundland, Canadian and American fishermen are not restricted in carrying on the winter herring fishery. France also agrees to recognize the British consul at St. Pierre, which will practically end smuggling from that place.

Great Britain, in return, agrees to recognize the French consul at St. John's, and, residing there, the Amicarly-Bretton Bond, in the legislature to-night, announced the terms of the Anglo-French shore treaty.

The treaty is generally regarded as being of immense benefit to the colony, and the public has accepted it with the warmest enthusiasm.

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## BRITISH FISCAL REFORM.

With the return of Mr. Chamberlain to England, we may look for a renewal of the energy which, previous to his departure for Egypt, had been displayed in the campaign for fiscal reform. But it would be foolish to ignore the difficulties and the obstacles which will have to be overcome before the success of the movement can be achieved. To attain that will require a long campaign of popular education. Defeats may be experienced; bye-elections, even a general election, may seem to show that the people of the United Kingdom are wedded to Free Trade. But the ultimate result cannot be doubtful. The course of industrial and commercial events will surely bring home to the people that their material interests, the preservation, much more the extension of their trade and commerce, demand radical changes in the fiscal policy of the country.

It is somewhat unfortunate that at such a juncture, the attention of the public should be distracted by another question—that of education. The Education Bill passed at the last session of Parliament is being fiercely attacked by a section of the Nonconformists, who appear to make a subtle distinction between rates and taxes, and resist the payment under one denominator of what they cheerfully contributed under another. The Opposition in this outcry against the Education Bill sees an opportunity for detaching from the Unionist forces a large part of the middle-class voters, who did so much to support the Unionist party in 1886 and by their desertion of Mr. Gladstone and the Liberal party made possible the overwhelming defeat of the Home Rule party in its attempts to injure the solidarity of the Empire. To those who have studied the course of political events in Great Britain during the past century, it is tolerably clear that the mass of the electors cannot master more than one political problem at one time, and it is, therefore, to be feared that, by the interjection of the education question into the arena, the attention of the electors may be diverted from the great question of fiscal reform. Doubtless Mr. Chamberlain, with his keen political vision, realizes this, and we should not be surprised to see him using his influence and energy to get rid of this inconvenient obstacle so as to leave the field clear for the consideration of the great problem to which he has shown his devotion and for which he has sacrificed the honors and emoluments of office.

But while these complications are occurring in the United Kingdom, it is desirable that we of Greater Britain should bestir ourselves to advance the movement in which we are interested to an equal, or an even greater, extent than our kinsmen at home. And to no part of it is the matter of a closer commercial union of the Empire of greater importance or of more value to Canada. Our geographical position; the vastness of our territory and its richness in natural resources; its capacity for receiving and maintaining an immense population, makes this fiscal question one of absorbing interest to Canadians. It is not a question of party politics, and both Conservatives and Liberals should view it from a higher than a partisan plane. As Conservatives we can regard with satisfaction the action of the present Government in giving preference to the manufacturers of the United Kingdom. Now we can ask that both parties in this country should be united in the effort to strengthen Mr. Chamberlain's hands in his effort to give practical and material form to the proposition that the interests of all parts of the Empire are identical; that as a whole it has resources incomparably greater than those of any other political aggregation, and that if those who guide public opinion and those who direct public affairs throughout the Empire are united in their efforts to secure the freest interchange of commodities, with due and reasonable regard to the particular interests of each individual part, we shall have taken the first step towards an era of progress and prosperity that will surpass anything in the past history of the British people. Mutual concessions, perhaps, even mutual sacrifices, may be necessary, but the end will justify them and yield ample reward.

It seems to us that the most practical initial step that the people of Canada and of other outlying parts of the Empire can take is to show the United Kingdom that we are ready and anxious to do our part in this matter of inter-imperial fiscal reform. The Opposition in the British Parliament and its organs in the British press, persist in saying that the Colonies do not want any change in their commercial relations with the Mother Country. Although facts are against them, they continue to repeat this assertion. It is impossible to believe that men of the political acuteness and perception that Mr. Aquith—to name one example—

possess, really believe that or that they are not influenced by party considerations when they deny that Mr. Chamberlain has any solid ground for his statement that the Colonies are not only willing but anxious to entertain any proposition that may come to them from the Mother Country. In Canada we have already done something to confirm the correctness of Mr. Chamberlain's statements in regard to this. More than one of our Provincial legislatures have passed unanimous resolutions in favor of Mr. Chamberlain's action. Boards of Trade from Nova Scotia to British Columbia have taken a similar course, and we feel sure that the people of the Dominion, as a whole, are thoroughly in sympathy with the policy that Mr. Chamberlain has outlined. It is desirable that this should be made as emphatic as possible and that throughout the country efforts should be made to support and work in harmony with the influential committee and organization in the United Kingdom that have been formed to carry out the principles of fiscal reform and give them legislative sanction and effect. There is, of course, a delicacy in any action, lest we should seem to be interfering with the domestic concerns of the United Kingdom. But we think it will be possible to impress on the people of the British Isles that those in Greater Britain are not only willing, but anxious, to meet in the most cordial and generous manner any proposals that may be made for the consolidation of the Empire and for buttressing, by material arrangements, these sentiments of loyalty to the Empire which animate the people of every scattered part of it.

## THE WAR.

The absence of any news of importance regarding the progress of the war in the Far East does not necessarily imply that important movements may not be in progress, which may not be known until their results are learnt in grave disaster to one or other of the belligerents. While at Tokio, the Japanese authorities maintain a profound reserve on all matters, the despatches from Russian sources are chiefly notable for their sanguine assertions made by high naval and military officials of what they are going to do before long to curb the actions of their foes. We heard much the same when Admiral Makarov—dubbed "the Cossack of the Sea"—was appointed to the command of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, while Admiral Alexieff and General Kuropatkin have both indulged in similar anticipations. Now the expectation is that the Japanese will be lured from their base by the retirement of the Russians in the face of their advance. It is, however, scarcely likely that the caution and skill displayed on the sea will be lacking in the Japanese operations on land. The oil is obtained from the livers of the dogfish and ten dogfish livers yield one gallon of oil, which sells at \$30 to 40 cents a gallon.

"The plant of a dogfish oil factory is simple and inexpensive, as it is only necessary to boil the livers with a little water in order to separate the oil, which is an excellent lubricant. "The skin of dogfish, when dried, are used instead of sandpaper for polishing woodwork, and the flesh, etc., produces a fertilizer and glue. "It will certainly pay to establish oil works on the Atlantic coast of Canada."

Victoria, B. C., March 5, 1904.

## PROVINCIAL PRESS.

The Miner is in receipt of information from a reliable source, to the effect that the Kingston group of free-gold claims, situated on Lexington mountain, within three miles of Camborne, is under bond for \$100,000, and will probably be sold in a few months. The estimate of the property will be made not later than June 1st of this year. The parties to whom the bond has been given agree to spend a considerable sum in development of the property, this development to commence in September, 1904.—Canadian Miner.

No direct train connection with Spokane is made, but at least is the connection arrived at by the Spokane, Portland & Northern, offset after a careful review of the existing situation. The line is open to Northport, however, and ore trains will commence running this morning. Passenger traffic and freight business in the mercantile line will, therefore, be the only branches of transport interfered with. Arrangements are concluded to bring the mails in over the Nelson & Boundary road via Creston, but no serious hardship will be caused under this heading.—Rossland Miner.

The appearance of the Canadian Pacific steamer Princess Victoria on the Seattle-Victoria route, is one of the best advertisements that this city could have in the Sound ports. The service carried on by such a vessel cannot fail to induce many persons to make a trip to Victoria, and when the tourist season fairly opens there is no doubt that the traffic will be greater than at any previous time. Both in speed and the luxuriance of her equipments, there is no other vessel in these waters that can approach her, and her steadiness is so great that those who dread a sea voyage, however short, will find their fears have no foundation in conditions that are found in a passage by the Princess Victoria.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

## WHO IS TO BLAME?

Sir.—As a motorman in the service of the Victoria Electric Co., I was asked to sign the agreement set forth in the letter signed by one O. Lee Charlton, who is evidently from the nature of his letter, hardly qualified to give advice to some of the motormen. Like many other carelessness teamsters Mr. Charlton never heard the bell for the reason that he did not listen. He did not see the cfr until it was too late, and why? Because he was one of those receivers. He did not stop at the station. He was very wretched mentally with some socialist creed. My advice to Mr. Charlton is to keep a sharp lookout for the cars, and never forget to look to the right and left before crossing a railway crossing, especially dangerous ones like the one in question. In conclusion I might say in defense of the motormen of the Victoria streetcar line that accidents in the past have been rare, even though the line is crowded on the part of the teamsters themselves, and if the pedestrains and the drivers of vehicles in particular displayed one-half the caution that is exhibited by the average motorman accidents would be a thing practically unknown.

## MR. MUSGRAVE REPLIES.

Sir.—Mr. Robertson's letter in yesterday's Times should have remained unanswered by me, as being grossly impudent and quite irrelevant to the point in dispute, but for one consideration. If I did not reply to his enquiry he and his friends would continue to pretend to theme themselves in cavilling over a mere point of inconsistency. The implication involved in Mr. Robertson's question is clear enough, viz.: That while my children were young I was content to be indebted to our government charity schools for their education. Now

they are grown up I wish to deprive others of an advantage which I no longer require myself.

In reply I have to say, It is not true that you are inclined to these schools for the "education of any of my children." It is true that, in default of any other school existing in Victoria at the time, three of them attended the B. C. schools for a period of, as well as I can recollect, between two and three months. Again it is not true that I was not a contributor to the expenses of these children.

Mr. Robertson is certainly one of those who consider "Any stick good enough with which to beat a dog." I can, however, console myself for his castigation by the recollection that this is, after all, "only pretty Fanny's way." Another brand of "old saws" for Mr. Robertson's delectation.

The exchange of personalities into which this discussion has descended is hardly, sir, very interesting either to yourself or your readers. I should not venture to ask you to publish this continuation of it, were it not for the consideration which I have mentioned above. It shall, I promise you, be the last notice taken by me of any communication coming from Mr. W. A. Robertson.

EDWARD MUSGRAVE.

P.S.—I regret to see that I have omitted to congratulate Mr. Robertson and his friend "the good authority," Arcades Arms, on the acquisition of their premises at the corner of "main's nest," the result of their kind researches into my antecedents, and to wish them a successful joint incubation of its interesting contents.

E. M.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

Sir.—Enclosed you will please find a clipping published in the Halifax Morning Chronicle, and credited to the Toronto Globe. We write that paper, and they say that they have never published such an article in their paper. We are very deeply interested in the fisheries on this side, and the day may become particularly propitious to the business and manufacture. We are anxious to find some method of turning this fish into a commercial proposition. If you could possibly let us know the name of the writer of this article, we would like to communicate with him further on the subject. If you do not know that, you can tell us yourselves, or put us in communication with somebody else, who may have something to do with this part of the business. Do you think it is possible there would be a market for this fish canned among the Chinese inhabitants of British Columbia?

Apologizing to you for troubling you in advance. Yours, etc., BLACK BROS. & CO., Ltd. Halifax, N. S., April 7, 1904.

The following is the clipping referred to:

"DOGFISH."

"The following letter from British Columbia appeared in a recent issue of the Toronto Globe. We submit it to our readers to hope that it may prove interesting to many of them, if not valuably suggestive:

"An article appeared in a late number of the Globe concerning the dogfish pest in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia waters.

"On the Pacific Coast the dogfish is the basis of a profitable industry.

"Although wages are higher on our side than on the Atlantic side of Canada, yet it pays to employ fishermen to catch dogfish.

"Several persons who have established dogfish oil works in British Columbia have retired with moderate fortunes. The fish are usually caught on trawls, and salt herring are used as bait.

"The oil is obtained from the livers of the dogfish, and ten dogfish livers yield one gallon of oil, which sells at \$30 to 40 cents a gallon."

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"The skin of dogfish, when dried, are used instead of sandpaper for polishing woodwork, and the flesh, etc., produces a fertilizer and glue.

"It will certainly pay to establish oil works on the Atlantic coast of Canada."

—VICTORIA, B. C., March 5, 1904.

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### Local News.

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Sit Again Today.—A further session of the special committee of the Board of Trade which is investigating a charge preferred against Secretary F. G. Clowthorpe by A. J. Morley, will be held this morning, when it is believed, a decision will be arrived at.

Edna's New Role.—Miss Edna Wallace-Hopper, who spent many weeks in Victoria during the progress of the Lloyd-Loeb trial, has left to legitimate to fill an engagement in vaudeville in a sketch entitled "The March of Time," by Cosmo Gordon Stewart. Lewis Morrison intends to retire from the stage for a year, after which he will produce a new play. Mr. Morrison's "Faust" has brought him a fortune.

Fall Fair Prizes.—The Victoria Farmers' Institute has voted \$35 for special prizes for the forthcoming fall fair. The Whitman Agricultural Co., through their agents, for British Columbia Messrs. E. C. Prior &amp; Co., have advised Secretary Swinton that they will give a special prize one of their "Senior Cider Mills," valued at \$25. The special purpose for which this will be awarded will be decided by the prize committee.

Women's Exchange.—Mrs. A. E. Webster will be glad to receive entries for the Women's Exchange in connection with the "Made in Canada" fair at her residence, Cadboro Bay 187. It is hoped that this will prove the nucleus of a permanent Women's Exchange in this city, and if so members joining for the fair will have their dues credited for the year's fees.

Seeking Counterfeitors.—The local police department and the Seattle branch of the United States secret service are exchanging communications in regard to the counterfeit coins which have been in circulation on both sides of the line. The authorities on the Sound are positive that the counterfeiting plant is operated in China, and will not relax their efforts in the slightest degree until they have located it. The manner in which the spurious coins may be detected was fully explained in the Colunist some days ago.

Memorial Service.—At Cowichan on the 12th inst. in commemoration of the death of Rev. Dr. Heaton, who forty years was in charge of the Indian mission at that place. The mission is now under the Marist Fathers. During the ceremony Archbishop Orth preached to the Indians in English, and Rev. Father Doneke spoke in the native dialect. There was a very large gathering present. Rev. Father Van Goethem also assisted in the interesting ceremony.

Relic of Disaster.—A gold watch, with charm and chain attached, the property of the late A. K. Prince, one of the victims of the Clallam disaster, was found by Samuel May, sergeant of Marines, in the crevice of a rock behind the water main in the dockyard. The body of Prince it will be remembered, was found near this spot. Sergeant Murray, of the provincial police department, in whose custody the valuable were placed, turned the same over to the Eagles of this city, who have forwarded the same to relatives of the deceased in Kansas City.

Epworth League.—The annual meeting of the Victoria West Methodist Epworth League was held on Wednesday evening, the 26th inst., when the reports of the retiring officers showed the league to have made very satisfactory progress. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Mr. Hardy (Christian Endeavor Department); second vice-president, Rev. S. S. Osterhoff (Literary); third vice-president, Mrs. T. G. Hitt (missionary department); fourth vice-president, Miss H. Pamphlet (social department).

Northern Mining Activity.—Recent advices from Port Simpson state that prospects coming down from the upper Skeena report that the outlook for much activity in placer mining was never better in that locality. At present interest centres around Lorne creek, where it is coarse and with proper methods it is thought that much of the yellow metal will be taken out. It is further said that very little work has been done so far in the district, but with the opening of spring more extensive work will be undertaken. The owners of the properties on this creek have every confidence in the district, for the showing so far has been of the most promising kind.

Seek a Rebate.—Several of the Chinese pupils attending the local public schools have made application to the Canadian government for a rebate of the tax imposed on them on their entry to this province. This action is being taken under section 6, clause 3, of the "Act Respecting and Restricting Chinese Immigration," which is as follows: "Persons of Chinese origin claiming on their arrival to be students, but who are unable to provide the requisite certificates as hereinbefore provided for shall be entitled to a refund of the tax exacted from them on the production within 18 months of certificates of their arrival in Canada or college in Canada showing that they are, and have been, for at least one year, bona fide students in attendance at such school or college."

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Donation Acknowledged.—The president of the board of directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital acknowledges, with thanks, the recent gift of \$150 from the Trades and Labor Council of this city for the furnishing of a room in the Strathcona wing of the hospital.

To Elect Officers.—The Methodist Sunday School Union committee will meet this (Friday) evening in the lecture room of the Metropolitan church for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and making arrangements for their annual picnic on the 1st of July.

A Good Minie.—There is a crow which has been a constant inhabitant of the Songasque's reserve for over two years, and which can mow so like a cat that it is almost impossible to detect the difference. The bird's favorite sport is to light on a tree and awake its weird imitations.

New Wood Yard.—Under the E. &amp; N. bridge a new wood yard is being fixed up. The new regulation stopping wood sawing on the streets has made this step necessary and advisable. When the yard is completed the wood will be sawn into the requisite lengths on the wharf and delivered ready cut.

In Chambers.—Yesterday morning before the Hon. Mr. Justice Irving the following application was heard in chambers: Re Patrick Callan, deceased. Mr. Crease made application to appoint guardian of infant and to convey sale, Mr. C. W. Clifford, M. P. C., appointed guardian and sale con-

ferred a week from today.

Another Record.—In conversation with ex-Pire Chief Deasy yesterday, he told of a record trip made from here to Seattle with the Victoria fire department when Seattle was burned in 1886. The steamer that took the brigade over did the trip in four hours and fifteen minutes. This was a record for many years.

Sale of Work.—The Victoria West Methodist church intend holding their annual sale of work in Semple's hall, Victoria West, on Tuesday next.

Liberals to Meet.—A meeting of the Victoria Liberal Association will be held on Monday evening next in Phoenix hall for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

New Thought League.—A general meeting of members and friends and enquirers will be held in the freight room, Metropolitan building, this evening.

Fruit Growers.—The Victoria Fruit Growers' Association and Exchange Limited, will hold a general meeting today in the freight commissioner's office, Parliament buildings.

Property Transfer.—J. F. Rose, who recently arrived in this city from the East, has purchased Mr. Smith's half acre and cottage on Burnt street. His family will arrive to join him shortly.

Joined in Wedlock.—On Wednesday evening Mr. Peter McLane and Miss Winifred Proper, both of Ustdy, Wash., were united in marriage by Rev. H. J. Wood at his residence, Kanestr.

K. of P. Meeting.—Far west Lodge, No. 1, K. of P., will confer the rank of ensign on several candidates this evening. Some other very important matters will come up for consideration, also the rank of Knight will be conferred a week from today.

School Board.—A meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be held in the council chamber at the City hall this evening. Unusual interest attaches to this, the first session since the vote on the school bylaw, and speculation is rife as to what action the board will take in dealing with the pressing problem of how to provide increased accommodation for the school children.

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A most successful dress rehearsal of Miss Graham's fairy play took place on Wednesday evening. A matinee performance will be given on Saturday at 2:30 p.m., by special request. Admittance 25 cents, children 15 cents.

Notice to Patrons of Barber Shops—On and after May 2, 1904, all Barber Shops will open at 8 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays 11 p.m. Prices of shaving and haircutting same as at present.

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## Brilliant Work By the Orchestra

Victoria's Amateur Orchestral Society Surprises With a Splendid Concert.

Classical Programme Provides Opportunity For Display of Power.

Institute hall was crowded to the doors last evening on the occasion of the first orchestral concert given by the newly-organized Victoria Amateur Orchestral Society. To say that the concert was successful is to do the work of the orchestra and soloists, and the enthusiasm exhibited by the discriminating audience, scant justice.

Probably since the days of the grand old Victoria orchestra, whose performances used to amaze the critical and even the supercilious strangers who happened into Victoria en route to or from the ends of the earth, there had been nothing approached heretofore so good as that given last evening by the talented and well-trained amateurs of the Victoria Orchestra.

The old-timers who may seem a drawing of the long bow to the pioneer orchestra, we lauded not only on the Pacific coast, but all over the continent; as much famed as the diners purveyed by the late Mr. Hartnagle of the Driard hotel; diners, cookery, that made Victoria's name celebrated far and near.

The credit for last evening's satisfactory result is mainly due to Mr. Frank T. Watkins, the able conductor, who is doing so much for music in this city. It is not surprising that after the concert he was besieged by admiring friends, who showered upon him well-earned congratulations. He deserved it all, and his fine little orchestra their share, too.

A veteran concert-goer might have gazed at a glance over the programme, musing with pieces and names familiar in programmes where Hans Richter, August Manns, George Henschel and the late M. Riviere were wont to swing the baton. But the manner in which the Victoria orchestra acquitted itself stops the mouth of mere ordinary newspaper criticism.

The vocal selections of the evening were given by Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, who was enthusiastically received and sang with rare sweetness. She was compelled to respond to a rapturous encore of the Rabbstein number, repeating that beautiful piece with great effect.

Mr. Watkins played the Chopin Ballade in A flat, and as an encore Chopin's "Prelude." It is hardly necessary to comment on Mr. Watkins' treatment of those gems; suffice it to say that his audience fully appreciated the rare good work.

Perhaps the piece that aroused most enthusiasm was the trio from sonata in D minor by Mendelssohn. Messrs. Watkins, Dr. Nash and Middleton playing. The piano forte accompaniment of this selection was played with the brilliancy that entirely captivated the audience, while the trio of Messrs. Nash and Middleton deserves only the warmest praise. Of course an encore was demanded, and most charmingly the trio played the "Serenade" by Widor. This, by many, was classed as the particular gem of the whole evening. A storm of applause rewarded the players.

The closing selection, the triumphant march "Cornelius," Mendelssohn, was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, the ringing military strains of the march putting everybody into joyful spirits. The programme follows:

Overture—"Lesdeku" . . . . Chemaini  
Orchestra.

Songs—  
(a) "Tears of Joy" . . . Schumann  
(b) "The Dew-drop" . . . Rubinstein

Mrs. F. B. Pemberton,

Piano Solo—Ballade in A flat . . . . Chopin

Mr. F. T. Watkins.

Symphony—"Surprise" (No. 6) . . . Haydn

Orchestra.

Trio—Sonata in D Minor (Opus 49) . . . Mendelssohn

(Finale) . . . Mendelssohn

(Violin, Violoncello and Piano)

Messrs. Nash, Middleton and Watkins,

Song—"Ventre Murmurador" . . . Jensen

Mrs. F. B. Pemberton.

Intermezzo (for strings alone)—"In  
the Shade" . . . Gillet

Orchestra.

March—"Cornelius" . . . Mendelssohn

"God Save the King."

The orchestra is composed of the following ladies and gentlemen: Leader, Dr. R. Nash; conductor, Mr. F. Watkins.

First violins—Dr. R. Nash, Miss Brookner, Miss Sharpless, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Talbot.

Second violins—Mrs. A. Muir, Miss Elford, Miss Rolfe, Mr. Wood, Mr. Sprague.

Violins—Mr. Wallace, Mr. F. Sampson.

Violoncellos—Mr. B. Foote, Mr. K. Middleton.

Double basses—Mr. S. E. Matthews, Mr. G. K. Peele.

Clarionets—Mr. Defoe, Mr. E. Murray, Mr. G. Anderson.

Flutes—Mr. Larrigan, Mr. F. H. Wallaston.

Bassoon—Mr. L. Culross.

Horns—Mr. W. Fairall, Mr. C. Macgregor.

Cornets—Mr. J. A. Douglas, Mr. Duck.

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### CLOVERDALE CONCERT.

Hon. R. F. Green in Chair at most Successful Gathering.

Last evening the "piggy" at Cloverdale was taxed to its utmost capacity when the Cloverdale Athletic Club gave their first concert. The hon. the premier had promised to preside, but owing to his unavoidable absence from the city, he deputed Hon. R. F. Green, master of lands and works, to the position.

As before stated, the concert was given at the "piggy," though that the building had ever been used for such a purpose it would be a hard matter to tell, as it was elegantly decorated for the concert last night and looked very well.

A good platform had been erected for the occasion built in with bunting, backed by the Irish ensign, and all through the building was hung out of flags of every hue and description.

An excellent programme had been prepared and the club was assisted by some of the very best talent. Hon. W. Higgins read one of his own stories most acceptably. Miss Kneeland sang well, as did also Miss Scowcroft. The club, assisted by four of the Victoria West amateurs, opened the performance with a ministerial entertainment. The audience enjoyed it and it served its purpose, but it lasted altogether too long and forced some of the after performers to go before their time.

Mr. Petech, as usual, brought down the curtain with his parody on "Call Me Back Again." Mr. Hanson Fifth also sang well. One of the best items on the programme was the duet by little Dolly Graham and Sid Driver, and was much enjoyed by all present.

A vote of thanks to Hon. Mr. Green and the performers brought the proceedings to a close.

### ENQUIRIES RE TRADE CHANCES

Numerous British Firms Desirous of Extending Business With Canada.

In the report issued weekly by the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, giving reports of commercial agents and trade inquiries, the following appears in the pamphlet dated April 4. Persons desiring any of the addresses will please quote the office under which the enquiry appears and the number:

ENQUIRIES FROM THE HIGH COMMISSION OF CANADA.

14. A firm of elastic web and small-wire manufacturers are seeking to extend their business with Canada, and make enquiry respecting the appointment of agents.

15. The names of several large grain export firms in Canada are desired by a London agent who wants to represent them in the English market.

16. A commission agent and general merchant in Newcastle is prepared to represent a good Canadian house in almost any line of business.

17. A North of England firm asks to be placed in touch with likely Canadian importers of pit-props.

18. A Scotch firm of produce importers are looking for supplies of refined Canadian salt of the best known on the British market as Pure Salt.

19. A London firm of merchants, who have hitherto confined themselves to the South African trade, are desirous of establishing relations with Canadian business houses buying British and French goods.

20. An Irish produce firm ask to be placed in touch with cutters or shippers of peat in Canada.

21. Enquiry is made respecting producers of rotten stone in Canada, by a correspondent who is interested in this mineral.

22. A Glasgow firm desires to get into touch with importers in Canada of bricks, fire-clay pipes, retorts, and other fire-clay goods.

23. A gentleman with good business experience, having England early in April to take up his residence in Canada, is seeking a few agencies of British firms requiring a representative in the Dominion.

24. Enquiry is made for names of Canadian manufacturers who can ship office furniture, telescope tables, bedroom suites, etc., by a person seeking to sell on commission or to obtain a buying agency.

25. A Canadian with considerable business experience is shortly returning to the Dominion from England, and is desirous of securing the agencies for a few first-class manufacturers not already represented in Canada.

26. A traveling agent in the North of England is seeking the representation of Canadian manufacturers.

27. A New Zealand firm have asked to be supplied with names and addresses of Canadian shippers of furniture, hardware, etc.

28. A timber firm of shipping and commission agents desire to get into touch with Canadian business houses, as they are open to buy or sell produce.

29. A North of England firm of cheese-factories wish to correspond with some Canadian shippers of cheese from the Belleville and Brockville districts. They can also act as selling agents for a new brand of cheese.

30. A firm of petrol and steam motor manufacturers have asked to be furnished with suggestions or information that might be useful in developing a demand in Canada for their products.

ENQUIRIES FROM BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND.

31. A firm in Great Britain wishes to appoint an agent for the sale of their tubes and stamping in Canada.

32. A firm in Great Britain wishes to get in communication with a maker of sausage casings.

33. A firm wishes to place their machine tools on the Canadian market.

34. A firm wishes to place their brass, copper tubes, metals and copper wire on the Canadian market. Would appoint an agent.

35. A manufacturer of stirrups, spurs, and bits, wishes to appoint an agent in Canada.

36. A firm manufacturing seamless brass and copper tubes wishes to appoint an agent in Canada.

37. A firm in Ireland is prepared to arrange with shippers of apples for the coming season.

38. A manufacturer of calendars, colored lithography, etc., wishes to appoint an agent in Canada.

39. A commission firm in Canada wishes an agency for the sale of Canadian agricultural implements.

40. Sometimes," said the poet, "I am almost afraid that I take myself too seriously." "Oh, well, never mind," replied his kindly-hearted friend, "there's no harm done if you do." Everybody else regards you as a joke."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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### PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. B. Bell, of Golden, spent yesterday in the city, and left yesterday evening for the Sound cities. They are on their honeymoon, the wedding having taken place at Golden on the 11th inst. Mrs. Bell is a daughter of Rev. Mr. Yates of Golden.

Guests of Captain and Mrs. Leiser from Victoria yesterday afternoon were Max Leiser and Mrs. Leiser, Mrs. J. A. Mara and Miss Mara, E. Crow Baker and Mrs. Baker, Capt. John Irving and H. H. Abbott and Mrs. Abbott.

P. G. Shalleross was a passenger from Vancouver by the Charmer yesterday evening.

George Weller returned from the Mainland yesterday evening.

C. A. Steele returned from a business trip to Vancouver yesterday evening.

W. P. Patterson, M. P. P., returned from the Mainland yesterday evening.

N. T. Tregear, manager of the Leonardo mine at Mount Sicker, is in the city, a guest at the Driard.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow, minister of finance, is in Vancouver.

J. A. Fowler, Lloyd's surveyor at Vancouver, is registered at the Vernon.

W. J. Brandish, secretary of the British Columbia Fraternal Association, is in the city, a guest at the Dominion.

Sergt. Redgrave, of the city police force, has left for a trip to Canada.

W. V. Gilder, representing a tobacco manufacturing firm of San Francisco, is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

Miss Margaret Skinner, daughter of H. Skinner, a prominent real estate man of Vancouver, came down on the Charmer last night, to enter St. Ann's Academy, f'r music and the English branches.

Dr. T. Campbell of Green Sprawl, Wash., is on a visit to Victoria. He is visiting his aunt, Dr. Annie Cleland, and a number of old university friends, including D. M. Rogers and others.

John Bryden has returned from a pleasure trip to Southern California.

Baron Von Plessen, who is situated in the Colonist yesterday is here en route to the interior of British Columbia on a long expedition, is a guest at Mrs. Jensen's boarding house the Cedars. The Baron will leave shortly for Wrangell, from which point he will strike into the Interior.

Rev. W. C. King was a passenger from the Sound on the Princess Beatrice yesterday afternoon.

A. E. Mc Phillips, K. C., was a passenger from Vancouver by the Charmer yesterday evening.

Capt. McDonald came down from Vancouver yesterday evening.

A. J. Williams came over from Vancouver yesterday evening.

J. H. Haworthathwaite, M. P. P., of Nanaimo, spent yesterday in the city.

Stuart Henderson, of Ashcroft, is in the city on legal business.

Rev. J. P. Bowell, of New Westminster, is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

Col. H. Dickie, of Duncan, returned home yesterday afternoon after a two days' visit to Victoria.

Premier McBride has been called to New Westminster owing to the serious illness of his mother.

J. H. Martin and family, of Jersey, Channel Islands, who are at present guests at the Donhead, have announced their intention of taking up their permanent residence in Victoria.

W. W. B. McInnes, M. P. P., of Nanaimo, is in the city, a guest at the Dallas.

George McLean, of Toronto, is a guest at the Vernon.

J. J. Mulholland and wife have gone to Seattle where they will in future reside. Mr. Mulholland having leased the Manhattan hotel for a period of four years.

Rev. S. R. Stephens, accompanied by Mrs. Stephens and child, arrived on the Empress of China. Rev. Mr. Stephens has been in educational work for two years in the Philippines, having been sent there from Berkeley university, Cal. He returns to resume pastoral work on the Pacific Coast.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens are well known in Victoria and Vancouver.

Reported at the Hotel Victoria are:

H. S. Davis, Mt. Sieker; W. E. Blithe and wife, Duncan; W. H. Brunner, Seattle; Hy. Tomkins, Rock Island; J. Matheson, London, Ont.; Theo. D. Morgan and wife, Seattle.



## Cottages for Sale

Several commodious, well-planned cottages for sale within easy reach of the tram and within easy walking distance of the centre of the city.

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## Splendid Record Is Established

Steamship Princess Victoria Comes From Seattle in Remarkable Time.

No Likelihood It Will be Reduced Except By Same Vessel.

The steamer Princess Victoria established a new record which will probably stand until she breaks it again herself, yesterday, when she made the run from Seattle to Victoria in three hours and twenty-four minutes, from full speed ahead to slow bell off at the ocean docks. She blew her whistle at five minutes past one o'clock and was tied up at her berth here at sixteen minutes past one, which is exceedingly rapid handling.

The Princess left Seattle at half-past nine and overtook the steamer Whatcom as that vessel was going into Port Townsend, the Whatcom having left Seattle at half-past eight o'clock the same morning.

The Princess Victoria did the trip under normal full presssure, and not forced draught, which adds considerably to the heat. Under forced draught, pushed to her limit, it is quite probable that a material reduction could be made in the record set up yesterday. Those things, however, always keep well for emergencies.

Captain and Mrs. Troup made the round trip with the Princess, and were thoroughly satisfied with the manner in which the flagship of the C. P. R. conducted her before herself. The steamer ran with the smoothness of a Pullman train and maintained the twenty miles an hour with an ease that delighted all aboard. It is hardly possible to detect any vibration from the engines even when they are going at such speed, so finely balanced is the machinery. The fifty passengers aboard were enthusiastic in their praise of the steamer's splendid performance, and predict unlimited patronage for the Princess no matter what route she may travel.

At Seattle the arrival and departure of the steamer were watched with deep interest by large crowds. The Princess Victoria is linked there as the greatest thing in shipbuilding that has ever entered that port. Captain Troup says that the vessel never ran faster than she did several times on the way over yesterday morning, and she fully demonstrated her ability to undertake the triennial route when the time comes.

The Princess Victoria will remain on the Victoria-Seattle route until the Princess Beatrice is ready to resume duty, which will be about ten days from date. There is no change in the time card for the Princess Victoria.

### MAY CHANGE FLAG.

Reported That C. P. R. Steamers Tatoo and Athenian May be Sold.

One of the passengers who arrived here by the steamship Empress of China Tuesday morning, in discussing the war conditions in the Far East, and the manner in which the Japanese government is buying up steamers for the purpose of transportation of troops, said that it was well understood in the Orient that negotiations had been almost completed for the transfer of the splendid steamships Tartar and Athenian of the C. P. R. ocean fleet to the Japanese government. In fact he was surprised on landing here to learn that the deal had not been consummated by the formal turning over of the Japanese to the vessels mentioned.

The Tartar and Athenian are peculiarly suited for transports, and the Tartar did fine service in that way during the opening years of the Philippine war, when she ran under charter to the United States government from Puget sound to Manila, and conveyed many thousands of troops to the islands.

The price to be paid by the Japanese for the two ships was not stated, but as they are first-class vessels and in prime of usefulness, it is probable that the figure will be exceedingly handsome. Both steamers could be transformed into very effective unarmored cruisers if the Japanese wanted auxiliaries, and they probably will before the war is over.

If the transfer of those steamers is made, the Japanese will have two of the finest steamers running on the Pacific included in their trooper service.

### LIKELY FROM CLALLAM.

More Wreckage Found on Dallas Road Beach Yesterday.

What is supposed to be some more of the wreckage of the unfortunate steamer Clallam, which foundered in the gale in the strait on January 8th, drifted ashore at the foot of Mowies street, Dallas road, yesterday morning. The wreckage consists of about twenty feet of the dimly, tongued and grooved boarding pierced with doors and windows and painted white, seemingly part of the wall of the upper deck house.

The sea has torn part of the boarding away exposing the tacks with which it was fastened in place. The work is of the flimsiest kind, even the framework to which the boards are attached being light and thin. A number of boys got hold of the wreckage in the afternoon and used it as a raft.

No one seems to know exactly which quarter the wreckage drifted, but it is believed that it came from the direction of the Gulf Islands. It is possible that it may have separated from the mass of wreckage of the Clallam now lying at Oak bay, but as that is pretty well secured, this view is not entertained by water front men who have seen the new wreckage.

**THE GLOW OF HEALTH.**  
When the blood is rich and pure there is a beautiful glow to the complexion which speaks of the vigor and vitality of the system. There is no more certain proof of health than the persistent use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

The state of Utah has ordered a general health department, the first Monday in October. On this day all theatres, churches, public halls, hotels, dining-halls, etc., must be thoroughly disinfected. 1/4

## Annual Report Canada's Fisheries

How B. C. Pays Revenue Altogether Out of Proportion.

This Province Relatively High In Value of the Product Secured.

The New Westminster Columbian has prepared a very comprehensive review of the annual report of the Canadian Fisheries Department which has just been issued from the office of the King's Printer at Ottawa.

The report says the Columbian, is of the usual interest in British Columbia, showing as it does that in this, as in other departments of the Dominion public service British Columbia is made to pay revenue altogether out of proportion to that collected in other provinces. It is true that our fisheries stand relatively high in value of product secured, but this fact is due rather to the enterprise of the men engaged in the industry than to the assistance they receive from Ottawa.

The statistics are in great part for the season of 1902. They show a total catch valued at \$21,953,433 for the Dominion, the provinces ranking thus:

Nova Scotia .....	\$7,351,753
British Columbia .....	5,284,829
New Brunswick .....	3,912,248
Quebec .....	2,059,175
Ontario .....	1,255,700
Manitoba and N. W. T. ....	1,188,432
Prince Edward Island .....	887,023

The year 1902 showed a falling tendency in the fisheries in every part of the Dominion except Manitoba and the Territories, which has an increase of \$2,042,027. The decrease in British Columbia was \$2,657,947. The value of the several kinds of fish reported by this province in thus stated: Halibut, \$240; fresh salmon, \$219,554; canned salmon, \$30,103,377; smoked salmon, \$38,757; dry salted salmon, \$16,286; pickled salmon, \$66,800; trout, \$35,135; smelts, \$19,475; codfishes, \$83,650; pickled and fresh herring, \$82,650; smoked herring, \$44,649; shad, \$475; sturgeon, \$3,350; oysters, \$16,000; clams, \$27,840; coarse and mixed fish, \$90,555; for home consumption not included above, \$300,000; for seal skins, \$337,660; sea otter skins, \$6,250; hair seals, \$4,400; oil used as fertilizer, \$2,000; fish oil, \$76,682.

The capital invested in the fishing industry in Canada is put at \$11,305,959, of which \$3,169,683 is represented in British Columbia as follows: Sealing vessels, \$425,230; other vessels, \$335,550; boats, \$280,530; gill nets and seines, \$576,375; other nets, weirs, trawls, etc., \$43,978; freezers, ice and smoke houses and other fixtures, \$1,452,500.

The only province showing a higher investment in fisheries is Nova Scotia, whose total is \$3,485,589; the third on the list being New Brunswick, with \$1,943,651.

There are 18,563 fishermen reported from this province.

The total expenditure on the fisheries in the year under review was \$527,944, under the five heads of fisheries general, breeding, protection, bounty and miscellaneous. By provinces the division was:

Nova Scotia .....	\$30,118
New Brunswick .....	27,132
British Columbia .....	17,805
P. E. Island .....	7,081
N. W. Territories .....	7,076
Quebec .....	6,583
Ontario .....	4,606
Sundry .....	5,000

For fish breeding:

British Columbia .....	\$23,273
New Brunswick .....	16,064
Ontario .....	14,814
Quebec .....	8,086
Nova Scotia .....	7,413
Sundry .....	7,618

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The fishing bounty paid were \$15,500, in which British Columbia had no share. These are paid under new regulations adopted in December, 1897.

In the miscellaneous expenditure of \$26,903, British Columbia figures for \$3,000, "wharf storage at Sapperton."

When it comes to paying in revenue, however, the name of British Columbia looms large, before the handsomest sum of \$83,015 out of a total of \$69,825 from all the provinces, as follows:

British Columbia .....	\$43,015
New Brunswick .....	11,188
Quebec .....	4,375
Nova Scotia .....	3,902
P. E. Island .....	2,607
Ontario .....	1,818
Manitoba and N. W. Territories .....	1,781
Sundry .....	1,729

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### BOATING ACCIDENT.

Two Indians Save Two Young Men From Drowning After Upset.

On Wednesday afternoon, about 5 o'clock, two young men, named Barker and Benson, were upset in a boat in skiff, and the boat went over.

Steamer Agamemnon came over from Tacoma yesterday morning to take on a lot of lumber for the China ports. She was expected to get away on her voyage last night or early this morning.

Steamer St. Clair of Vancouver is in port receiving a thorough overhaul and repainting. It is reported along the water front that she is to run on the East Coast islands route in competition with the steamer Troquois.

Extensive alterations and repairs are being made to the steamer Justice at the marine ways.

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### PROSPERITY FOR PORT ANGELES

Eastern People of Abundant Means Take Over the Railway Project.

Under the caption "Prosperity for Port Angeles," the Post-Intelligencer of Seattle, in its issue of yesterday says, editorially:

"It appears that Eastern people of abundant means have taken over the financing of the Port Angeles Eastern Railroad; that funds for construction have been procured and that within thirty days the actual work of construction will be resumed. The rail road has had several visitations; but notwithstanding, there has been a considerable amount of work done on it. There has been quite an amount of roadbed graded, and some terminal work done, involving an expenditure of several hundreds of thousands of dollars. Under the new regime, the road will doubtless be constructed in accordance with the plans of the projectors."

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